

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 and 13-14 are pending in this application and have been rejected by the Examiner. Claim 12 was previously cancelled. Claims 15-30 were previously cancelled to remove the non-elected invention.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112

In the response to the final office action filed on August 4, 2009, the Examiner, in an Advisory Action, maintained the rejections of claims 1-10 and 13-14 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, arguing that the amendment may be new matter and a new search must be made with respect to the specific ester. Without agreeing as to the accuracy of the Examiner's statement, Applicants have amended claims 1 and 11 to remove "or C₁₋₄alkyl ester prodrug". As such, no new search is necessary and the amendment would render the rejection moot. Withdrawal of the rejection under this section is earnestly requested.

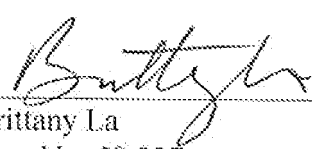
CONCLUSION

As the Examiner confirmed in a telephone conversation of August 26, 2009, to which Applicants thank the Examiner for her time and considerations, that the rejections under § 102, 203 and obviousness-type double patenting have been overcome, Applicants believe that the amended claims are now allowable.

This submission is filed within three-months from the mailing date of the Final Office Action dated June 4, 2009, which response is due September 4, 2009. It is believed no fee, other than the fees for filing an RCE, is required. Should this be incorrect, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayment, to deposit account No. 50-4255.

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Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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